Chapter 1

Jason and Mason go to the bank to check their financial standings and their current account status. Jason and Mason wait in the leather chairs in the waiting room. Jason said, “It must have cost these people a fortune to get seats like these for their waiting room.” Mason said, “Banks are big budget corporations. They spend millions of dollars off of people that cannot pay their mortgages on time.” Jason said, “They make money off other people's expenses.” Jason and Mason are called to the front desk to see their bank agent. Jason and Mason sit in front of the desk of the bank agent.

The bank agent said, “Mason and Jason, how...” Jason said, “We go by, 'Jason and Mason.' It has some sort of roll to it.” The bank agent said, “Okay, then, Jason and Mason, I have your status on your current bank accounts that I will show you on this computer monitor.” Jason sees the computer monitor and he said, “Our banking information is now stored in a computer? This is incredible. This is much better than that old paper system you guys used to use.” The agent said, “Mason, the balance on your Mason credit card is going well and you have always made your bank payments on time. We are increasing your credit card fee by 10%.” Mason said, “What... That's unfair. I have been a loyal customer of this bank of six years. There is no telling me that I deserve to pay more.” Jason said, “What about this portable CD player you said you give to your customers?” The agent said, “You only get a free portable CD player if you start a new bank account and do not have a preexisting account with us.” Jason said, “This is stupid. I never got a portable CD player when I started at this bank. You could have given me one than but no.” Mason said, “I am strongly considering switching banks.” The agent said, “Well our computer system says you should pay more because more interest has been accumulated on your fees that you owe us.” Mason said, “When I opened this account, you said I would be good if I made all of my payments on time. You are not staying true to your word. I will take by business over to the Access Bank.” The agent said, “Access bank will not give you as good a deal as this bank.” Mason said, “I have to look this over.”

Chapter 2

Jason and Mason leave the bank and Mason said, “This bank is stealing money from people and they can track it accurately with the new advanced computer technology they have.” Jason said, “I have to admit, that computer system they use is pretty cool. I wish I had a system that was that powerful at home.” Mason said, “You are in luck. The 21st century says that all of our electronic devices have to be networked together. Our computer is the main motherboard of the entire network. Even our barbeque is networked to our computer. There was once a time where people roasted at a barbeque and no one knew what computers were and they still had fun. I think our society is taking this new digital age a little

bit too seriously." Jason said, "You said it. I will cook some hotdogs for us when we get home. I bought cheese and bacon to go with it this time." Mason said, "That sounds good. I will be in the lab playing on my new laptop. It has the greatest Pentum Z system developed. It has a ram capacity that is greater than anything I could have ever dreamed of before. I have never seen such a small computer be capable of doing so much."

Jason brings out a pitcher of lemonade and he places it on the backyard table. Jason turns on the barbeque and the screen on its computer turns on. Jason places the hotdog wieners on the grill and some bacon as well. Jason looks at the options on the screen and he selects the option that allows him to cook the desired amount of hotdogs and bacon. Jason notices that nothing happens. Jason looks around the barbeque for a switch. Mason just sits in his lab and his eyes are glued to the screen of his laptop. Mason is browsing the internet and he sees ads for various products. He sees other ads for other computers that put down their competitors. Jason finds the switch to the barbeque and he turns it on. Jason hears a steaming sound and he looks down at the meat. Mason sits down and he has his face bolted in the direction of his computer screen. Mason suddenly hears a loud blast. Mason goes outside to see what it is and he sees the meat and the barbeque are on fire and Jason is running around and his face is on fire. Mason said, "Goddangit, Jason, what did I tell you about sticking your head over the food as it is being cooked?" Mason grabs the lemonade pitcher and he pours it over Jason's head.

Jason said, "I guess I am going to have some bologna with orange soda as usual." Mason said, "This is odd. How did the barbeque shoot large flames like that?" Mason walks up to the computer on it and the screen said, "Error no. 34534643, check with main server." Jason and Mason go inside and Jason gets himself a bologna sandwich and Mason sets up the computer and checks the status. Jason brings his food plate and can to the computer and he said, "What's with the bucket of bolts this time?" Mason said, "It says everything is good but clearly it is not. It looks like there may be something seriously wrong with the system. I suggest we try to avoid the use of anything it operates until we know the source of this problem." Jason said, "That is kinda hard to do since almost every electronic device we have is networked to this computer." Mason said, "Networked to this computer. I think I may have found the problem." Jason said, "How?" Mason said, "This computer is processing millions of commands as we speak. Some of the commands may have been miscalculated or missed entirely by this computer receiving an overflow of information. Someone may have sent it something over the internet. We need to figure out where the malicious commands have originated and we need to stop anymore from happening."

Chapter 3

Jason and Mason look at the computer in Mason's lab. Mason uses software he created to view the codes and commands being sent to the computer from outside sources. Mason said, "If I can find the exact commands that are telling our computer to malfunction, I can figure out the location of the commands. This guy could be in Germany from what we know." Jason said, "I never realized that the web was so universal. I didn't think people from the other end of the world could take control of our computer." Mason said, "Now you know."

Mason views the commands on a screen. A keyword in the command is, Hacker. Mason said, “I think we may have found our attacker. There's a guy here named, Hacker.” Jason said, “Hacker? That sounds like a villain from a cheesy comic book from the 60's.” Mason said, “This guy may be cheesy but he is definitely a greater threat than any of those guys in your comic books. I have an idea. Why don't you go on the computer and do the things you do on the internet. I will use this computer I built to monitor the status of the computer and find the names of malicious users.” Jason said, “That is the best assignment you given me all year.” Jason goes to the computer and he places the game disc in for, War of Worldcraft. Jason goes to the computer and he plays his game online with other people from all over the world.

Jason plays his game as he slashes through trolls and he collects gold coins and creates dragons. Mason sits on the sidelines and he watches his computer list the other servers and Mason keeps an eye on Jason playing his game. Jason ends up in a dungeon and he is about to fight an epic boss which is a large Ork in black armor. Jason is just about to take a jab at this boss when the computer screen goes black and it comes back on with a blue screen that lists error codes. Jason said, “What the...” Mason said, “I am detecting a hostile online user by the name of, Hacker.” Jason said, “The screen says a bunch of freaky gibberish that I do not understand.” Mason goes to read the screen. The screen said, “OS error. An error has occurred in the computer system and the operating system has shut down to protect your personal data and other files. Please call your local program vendor for more information.”

Mason said, “The Hacker is responsible for this. I have his coordinates and we may be able to find him.” Jason said, “What has happened to our computer?” Mason said, “It appears as if the Hacker has sent a virus into our computer.” Jason said, “What is a virus?” Mason said, “Viruses are malicious software and other program commands created by hackers to destroy computers. They are similar to illness viruses we get but they only affect computers. Our computer appears to be virtually destroyed. I know a place where we may have access to the internet so we can find more information on this Hacker.” Jason said, “Three years ago, I was introduced to the internet. I thought it was the coolest thing ever. I thought it would be a safe digital haven for myself and others. I now think differently of it because of what just happened.” Mason said, “You have all the reason to think this about the internet now. Since our electronics were networked to this computer because of standards for the 21st century, all of our electronics are at risk of being lost. I think this is a stupid idea. The Mayans said that we will go to war with computers in the year, 2000. It looks as though this could be happening right now. They were just off by two years.”

Chapter 4

Jason and Mason walk around the dinning room and they discuss their situation. Mason said, “People need to learn that just because something is more high-tech and more advanced, that does not mean it is better.” Jason said, “You said it. You said viruses can spread to other computers and networked systems, right.” Mason said, “Right.” Jason said,

“If you remember, our money and personal financial data is stored in a computer system at the bank that is just like our own. Our money is at stake. We may be broke tomorrow.” Masons said, “That could happen but It is not likely because our money is guarded using financial principles established by federal law. We should be safe assuming the bank plays by these rules.” The phone rings and Mason answers it. Mason said, “Hello.” The man on the other line said, “Mason, this is the director of the computer systems institute at the local university. We need your help. I cannot speak any more of this over the phone because I am not sure if this line is secure or not.” Mason said, “I will be there right now.” Mason said, “Jason, we have been called into the university.”

Jason and Mason go to the San Francisco university and they meet the computer director. The director said, “We have a crisis on our hands. I am not sure if you heard about this but there is an evil force going around known as the Hacker.” Mason said, “My home computer and other electronic systems at home have been fried because of this virus.” The director said, “The Hacker is the first cyber terrorist we have ever faced. He is capable of taking over entire networks and destroying information and data in the blink of an eye. We do not know who created him but we do know he was created somewhere in this building. I trust you are the right man for the job because you have won awards for your studies in computer systems. You are a powerful ally for us right now. We could use a man like you to help us.” Mason said, “I am willing to do all I can so I can get back to my other studies and so Jason can continue to play his online fantasy games in peace.”

The director said, “I am not sure if you have met a specimen we are studying. His name is, Timmy.” Someone walks out pushing a man that looks like a twelve year old child in a wheelchair. Mason said, “Timmy? I have not seen him in years.” Jason said, “I never knew anyone named, Timmy.” Mason said, “Yes you did. We was quite smart like me. He then ran into a nasty accident that made him like he is.” Timmy sits with his head tilts at an awkward angle. Timmy said, “Timmy! Timmy! Timmy!.” The director said, “That is the only thing he could say since his accident.” Timmy rapidly jerks his hands around and shouts his name out some more. The director said, “We have analyzed the damage done to him and we tried to counter it with computer technology. We tried using brain alterations that I developed but I cannot try them at this point because the computer system has the Hacker presence in it. To make matters worse, the army has secretly created robot soldiers to fight in the upcoming wars so we will not have to place our real troops in the battle and risk getting them lost. These robots are connected to a network. The Hacker may find out about these and according to the rules of programming, it is possible for him to make an infinite number of duplicates of himself. We fear he will use these robots to create an army of himself and he will destroy our people and he will rule that world.” Mason said, “I will make sure that does not happen. I will try and work from the source in this building and I will neutralize him.” The director said, “I like your spirit.”

Jason and Mason look at the main computer and Mason goes in and he searches for recent data. Mason finds a program of artificial intelligence. Mason said, “Someone used this computer to create a non-biological life form. It is as if they were building a robot and they needed a digital soul to occupy the robot body. But there are no speculations of a robot body being built in the directory.” Jason said, “Maybe someone was building a robot in secret and they did not record anything about it.” Mason said, “I find that to be highly unlikely. This is a security tight building. It would be difficult for someone that is not authorized to come in here and create something like that and not get noticed.” Jason said, “What if the Hacker changed

the information on this computer so it will give you false information on his history and other records. You said people can control computers from anywhere in the world, right." Mason said, "That is possible. Clearly, we are not dealing with any life-form we have ever known before." Maybe I should sleep on this. Why don't we go home and try this again tomorrow?" Jason said, "That sounds good. I haven't watched TV all day. I need some entertainment. I did not even have any real entertainment time today since it was cut short because of this virus."

Chapter 5

Mason goes straight to bed and Jason goes to the living room to watch TV. Jason turns on the TV and nothing is on any of the channels. Instead there is a message that says that no channels are available because something that does not make any sense. Jason said, "Goddangit! I can't watch TV now because of this virus. This virus seems to hate entertainment. Anyone that goes against entertainment is an enemy of myself." Jason goes to grab a soda and everything in the fridge is warm. Jason said, "The virus made our fridge warm. All of my soda is warm. Why can I not have a cold orange soda?" Jason goes to Mason's room and he said, "Mason, this is an emergency!" Mason said, "What is it? Did you run out of orange soda again?" Jason said, "Our fridge is not working because of the virus and I cannot enjoy a cold soda." Mason said, "You woke me up for this?" Jason said, "I cannot even watch TV because of the virus. The virus seems to have targeted our house and it is doing this just to pick on me." Mason said, "Jason, it is almost midnight. I suggest you go to bed and have a good sleep. You will feel better in the morning. We can use the internet and TV at the university. They have much better virus protection than us." Jason leaves Mason's room and he heads for bed.

In the middle of the night, the virus strikes more vital places. An office worker is sitting in a chair in an office cubical and he is typing data into the computer. The data spontaneously disappears from the computer. The office worker said, "Boss! Come here." The boss walks to the computer and the worker said, "I was just sitting here typing the new data we have collected and the computer just lost everything we have collected in the last few years of our operations." The boss said, "We must have gotten a virus. I will contact security. Something needs to be done. We cannot lose that data or our company will be lost."

Humanoid battle robots stand still in a storage base in Washington D.C.. Security people monitor the robots' status on a computer screen. The computer screens show a blue screen with gibberish on it that means the network is dead. The robots come to life and they break through their restraints. The security guard picks up a phone and he attempts to call someone. The robot hits the guard with his fists and the robots collect weapons and they leave the base. The army comes to stop them and the robots pick up the tanks that were sent and they throw them at buildings. The robots prove themselves to be too powerful for standard soldiers. The robots split up and different armies of them are sent to different places in the United States. One of the robots said to the others, "This team will stay here and gather more information needed for our cyber invasion. I will go with this army to San Francisco. That is the most important place because that is where our creator is and he is the

only one that knows how to kill us. He is the only threat to my invasion."

The next morning, Jason and Mason walk through the city to the university to continue their research on the virus. Jason and Mason see chaos in the streets. Cars are sprawled all over the streets. Jason said, "This looks like some nasty fender-bender." Mason said, "Cars have computers in them that control inner functions of the car. The virus must have attacked those cars and caused them to crash. I hope people learn a lesson from this. Have you heard the story of the Titanic?" Jason said, "I think I started watching that movie and I fell asleep. It is just a boring love story and I do not see the appeal." Mason said, "I mean the real story of the Titanic. It was a technologically advanced vessel for its time. People placed too much faith in new technology and it failed them. A similar thing happened over ten years ago to the Space Shuttle, Challenger. People placed too much faith in the technology and it failed them and they all died as a result of the failure. Clearly we have not learned from the mistakes we have made in the past."

Jason and Mason walk past a computer store and a man is standing outside selling used old computers for cheap prices. Mason said, "Aren't you the owner of this place?" The man said, "I am. I have a computer anti-theft system on the store and it is not letting me unlock the door." Jason said, "Why don't you try smashing a window or something?" The owner said, "Then that would set off my alarm and the police would be called to the scene. I would get arrested for breaking and entering." Jason said, "Even if it is your own store?" The owner said, "Yes." Mason said, "Could you not just tell officials the story and prove to them you own the store?" The owner said, "That would not work. I have some good merchandise in that store. I have a computer in there that plays DVDs." Jason said, "That sounds promising. I don't have a DVD player and we may have to get a new computer so I guess it makes sense."

Chapter 6

Jason and Mason head over to the university and Mason said, "Our world is getting more computerized and more chaotic than I ever could have imagined." Jason said, "I am in favor of helping you blast the brains out of this mechanical menace so I can get back to my entertainment." Mason said, "You said it. I have not been able to run anymore computer data tests because of this fiasco." Jason and Mason enter the university and they head to the IT room. The director is in there with Timmy. The director is staring at a computer screen and Timmy sees Jason and Mason walk in the room. Timmy said, "Timmy, Timmy!" The director turns his head to Jason and Mason and he said, "Jason and Mason, I am glad you are here. Have you heard the news?" Mason said, "That the town is under attack by something that only exists in a digital realm, yes." The director said, "It is worse than that. This news website says that the Hacker broke into the armed forces base in Washington and it hijacked the army of robot soldiers that were designed for battle in the upcoming war. They believe they are headed for us right now as we speak." Jason said, "Just give me a shotgun and some shells and I will blow the circuits out of those freaks like what I have done to other freaks that have tried to kill us." The director said, "I am afraid these robots are not like those, 'freaks' you speak of. These robots are indestructible to normal bullet weapons. Jason said, "Then how

are we going to fight these things then?" The director said, "I have created these..." The director shows Jason and Mason some assault rifles. The director said, "I created these rifles. They fire a beam of energy that overpowers electronic devices which causes them to malfunction. We will be needing these to fight the Hacker's physical army."

Mason examines the weapons and he said, "Does this, 'beam' you speak of only kills viruses or does it kill other electronic lifeforms as well?" The Director said, "This beam transmits software I created that neutralizes viruses in computer technology. Be careful with it. It can be used on a computer to kill the viruses in it but it you use it too much, the virus may learn to get around it and the weapon may be rendered inoperable against the virus." Jason said, "I don't understand what any of this means but if it means we can destroy the virus than I am all for it." Mason said, "I think I can use this weapon for another use. I will take it to my lab and construct further inventions that will utilize this software." The Director said, "I don't have much other choice at this point. I guess you are our only hope. Take Timmy with you. He has one of the greatest minds of the late 20th century and I would hate for him to be captured by these robots. He is defenseless as is."

Jason and Mason head home and they both push Timmy is his wheelchair. Jason said, "Do you think there will ever be a cure for this condition?" Mason said, "It is not likely. Neural patterns cannot regenerate themselves unlike lung tissue. Our lungs are constantly regenerating themselves. In seven years time, we will have a completely new set of lungs." Jason said, "Then why do people that have not had a smoke in thirty years get lung cancer and die?" Mason said, "Cancer cells may still exist in their lungs even if they are new. Cancer cells are like cockroaches. They are incredibly difficult to get rid of." Jason said, "That sounds like the viruses we are going to be fighting." Mason said, "That is unless I am successful at creating the world's first anti-virus software. I can distribute this on a CD that people will be able to buy for their computers. I could be a very rich man because of this." Jason said, "I thought you didn't like selling your inventions to other people." Mason said, "This is not an invention. It is just a disc that protects computers. It is not the same as selling a harpoon gun or a boxing glove on a metal coil."

Jason, Mason, and Timmy sit in Mason's lab and Mason goes over the specs of the weapon. Mason opens it up and he finds the motherboard where the software exists. Mason said, "There appears to be a hard-drive in this weapon. There is a port on this that allows me to connect it to a computer. I will do just that." Mason takes a long gray cord and he connects one end of the cord to the motherboard and he connects the other end into his computer. Mason turns on his computer and his computer recognizes the motherboard and Mason views the software components of it.

Chapter 7

Jason said, "Is there anything I am supposed to do that is not sitting here and watching you view gibberish." Mason said, "This may be the only thing that can save us. If you want to make yourself useful, you could watch Timmy." Jason said, "Timmy is a big boy. He does not need people to watch him all the time. Isn't that right, Timmy?" Timmy said, "Timmy! Timmy!" Jason said, "I will go and get ice cream at the grocery store. All our other ice cream

has been melted because the virus destroyed our freezer." Mason said, "If it will make your boat float then, be my guest." Jason leaves and goes to get ice cream.

Jason walks into the grocery store and the lights are going on and off. People crowd at the cash register because there is a problem with their computer system. Jason said, "This is going to take forever." Jason heads to where the ice cream is and he looks at the flavors. Jason said, "Vanilla has been an old favorite of mine. But chocolate has grown on me recently. I don't like Neapolitan but I do like sherbet. It is like an orange soda in vanilla ice cream. This is going to be awesome." Jason grabs the ice cream and he sees a checkout that is not busy. Jason goes to it and he buys the ice cream and he attempts to leave the store. Jason sees the sliding doors are open and he tries to walk out of them. He walks out the store and just before he leaves the place, the doors close and Jason walks right into them. Jason said, "Ow, what gives?" Jason walks away from the door and the doors open again. Jason attempts to run outside and just as he is about to get out, the doors slam shut and Jason bashes into the door.

Jason looks at the door and he said, "Okay, I know you don't like me and I don't like you. How about this..." Jason throws the ice cream outside of the store and the doors stay open. Jason runs and he slides and he grabs onto the ice cream. The doors slammed shut on the waist of his body. Jason said, "Ow holy mother of..." People stare at Jason stuck in the door. Someone calls an ambulance and it picks up Jason and it brings him to the hospital where he is treated. Jason is at the hospital and he is holding onto his ice cream. Jason sees a table with plastic spoons on it. Jason grabs a spoon and he opens up his ice cream and he starts eating it. Jason takes out his cell phone and he attempts to call Mason. Jason punches in the number and a pixel face appears on the screen and it laughs at him. Jason said, "I remember a time when phones could not get viruses." Jason sees a payphone and he walks to it and he places a quarter in it and he calls Mason.

Mason makes more progress on his anti-virus software and he said, "Where is, Jason. He left over an hour ago to get ice cream and he has not returned. Maybe something happened." The phone in Mason's lab rings and Mason picks it up. He said, "Hello." Jason said, "Mason, I went to get some ice cream so Timmy and myself would not get bored and I got caught in an automatic door and it crushed my waist. I feel fine but my phone does not work and more things may try to kill me. Mason said, "Try to get home and stay here. My software is almost completed." Jason said, "Timmy must be bored off his butt." Mason said, "Timmy is enjoying what I am doing." Jason said, "How do you know, have you asked him?" Mason said, "I know he has a genius mind. He is not bored by such things as this. We need to plan for attack. Just get here as soon as possible." Jason hangs up and he runs out the doors.

Chapter 8

Jason runs down the street and he sees more car accidents and phone booths that make funny noises. A transformer falls down and Jason barely dodges it. Jason continues to run home. He runs past a wooden stand of a guy selling floppy discs. They are being sold

for twenty-five cents apiece. Jason runs into Mason's lab and he locked the door and he runs to the couch and he sucks on his thumb. Jason said, “I am scared out of my mind.” Mason said, “I have an antidote right here. I managed to shield our main home computer from the virus. We are safe for the time being.” Jason said, “Is our fridge working?” Mason said, “It is.” Jason heads for the fridge and he grabs an orange soda and he slowly slurps on it. Jason said, “How did you shield us?” Mason said, “I used the software in this weapon that the university director created to create a software on our computer network. It fights off any virtual, digital threats that attack our system.” Jason said, “What if those robots come for us?” Mason said, “I still have the rifle that sends the anti-virus signals to the robots. They will not stand a chance against us and this advanced machinery I have constructed in this lab.”

Mason turns on the main computer which is on a workbench in the lab. The computer boots up and it displays the main desktop screen. Mason said, “Look. Our computer works again. I have not been able to check my email in a few days.” Jason said, “I have not been able to play any online games in a few days.” Jason and Mason hear the door-bell ring. Jason said, “Should I get it?” Mason said, “I will get it. You stay here and hold this weapon in case something happens.” Mason walks to the front door of the lab and he sees a delivery man at the front door. Mason opens the door and the delivery man said, “I have a large delivery of 200 boxes of diapers to be delivered to a certain, Mason.” Mason said, “I am Mason but I did not order any diapers online.” The delivery man said, “Yesterday you placed an order on eBuy.com for a load of 200 boxes of diapers.” Mason said, “There must be some sort of mistake. My computer was incapacitated yesterday because of this malicious computer virus that has been going around.” The delivery man said, “I do not deal with payments. Just sign here and take this back yourself.” Mason said, “I will not sign and take the diapers because I did not order any diapers.”

Jason turns on the TV and every TV channel is showing the news. They are showing people in panic because of the virus. They are boarding up their homes and they are using calculators to calculate finances. It also showed people living out on the streets because they cannot get into their houses because the virus took over their home computers and security systems. George Ferrier comes on the screen and he said, “Hello, I am George Ferrier. This is a time of economic and technological panic. The computer virus known only as, 'The Hacker' has deleted all of the information and finance data from the banking and government computers. Technically, no one has any money right now in savings at the bank. The only money you have right now is the money in your wallet.” Jason takes out his wallet and he opens up the section that stores bills and it is completely empty. Jason's eyes grow big. Jason looks in the coin compartment and he shakes it out and only two pennies fall out. Jason's eyes grow even bigger. Mason is still arguing with the delivery man over the wrong diaper order. Jason intervenes in the argument and he grabs the form and he signs it. Mason said, “Jason, why did you just accept the order of diapers?” Jason said, “I just watched the news and our situation is looking very grim. I don't know about you but I think I may be needing some diapers for what is coming up.”

Mason said, “You mean to tell me that all of our money in the bank is gone?” Jason said, “Yes so it seems.” Mason said, “I need to confirm this.” Mason picks up the phone and he calls the bank. Mason said, “I want to know what my current balance is in my account. What's that? I do not have a bank account?” Mason hangs up and he breathes into a paper bag. Jason said, “What are we going to do about this?” Mason said, “I will try to create a vast quantity of these weapons and software discs so we can annihilate these creeps and teach

the world a lesson that you cannot make a society dependent on technology. I have studied the build structure of this rifle and I will create more of these. I also have some blank CD's in this lab. Jason, use our computer to burn my software on as many CD's as possible." Jason said, "That I can do." Jason and Mason go to work as Timmy just watches in silence. Even Timmy knows that something is up.

Chapter 9

Jason and Mason diligently work on their plan for attack. Jason has a box filled with CD's that contain the software. Mason builds some more rifles. Jason and Mason bring the anti-virus software to places around town. Jason and Mason go to the bank and they meet up with their bank agent again. Mason said, "I have heard about the crisis that the bank is currently undergoing. I have some software that might help." Mason gives the software to the bank agent and she places the disc into the bank's main computer and installs the software. In a matter of time, the virus ceases to exist in the bank's network system and the network returns to normal. Jason said, "Score one for the humans."

Jason and Mason walk through the city and they see the store owner that was locked outside of his store earlier. He is sitting outside of the store sleeping. Mason wakes him up and Mason said, "I have something that can help defeat the virus." The owner wakes up and he plays along with Jason and Mason. Mason looks at the door and he sees the security sensor in plain sight. Mason shoots at it with the rifle and it deactivates. Mason opens up the door and Jason and Mason walk into the store. Jason said, "The store is clear." The owner walks in and he said, "Thank you. Is there anything I can do in return?" Mason gives the store owner a CD and Mason said, "Use this on your computer. Copy it if you can and give it to as many people as you can."

Inside a somewhat large tank that is headed for San Francisco, the Mother Hacker sits and rests as the other Hacker robots do their work. One of the robots said, "Mother Hacker, we have received messages from computers in San Francisco. It seems as if someone invented software to combat us. It defeated our digital forces in the banking system, a store system, and someone's private home." The Mother Hacker said, "Find the one that is doing this and stop him by all means. I cannot have anyone standing in my way."

Jason and Mason walk around the city and they give more people the anti-virus software. Jason and Mason walk past the power station and Jason said, "I think these people could use our software. Jason and Mason hear the sound of a slow moving tank coming behind them. They turn around to see what the sound is. Jason said, "Is it just me or is that a tank following us?" Mason said, "That is a tank and it is after us." Jason and Mason split up and they run in opposite directions. The tank fires its machine guns on Jason and Jason dodge the shots. The tank fires some more rounds and the shots shoot the power turbines and power generators at the power station. Wires break and sparks flare around. Jason gets an idea. He sees Mason on the other side of the station through all the sparks. Jason said, "Hey look, it's Mason!" The tank sees Mason and it fires a cannon ball at Mason. Mason dodges the ball and it creates a large gap in the broken wires with sparks. Mason still stands

there and he said, “I am still here.” Jason said, “And I am here too.” The tank driver gets confused and he aims the cannon at Jason and he drives for Mason. The tank drives through the sparks and the tank catches on fire. The sparks stop and the top of the tank opens up and some robots walked out. Jason has a rifle on him and he shoots the first robot and the robot falls and deactivates. Another one comes out and Jason does the same.

More robots pour out from the top of the tank and Jason and Mason fire and deactivate most of them. Jason and Mason fire some more shots at them and they do not inflict any damage against the last few robots. One robot jumps out from the top and he has jewels, gold, and diamonds imbedded in his metal shell. This robot said, “It is pointless to fire at me or any of us. We have learned the anti-virus signature and we have blocked it from causing anymore harm to our selves. We are made out of rare materials that are unheard of to the general public.” Jason said, “What makes you better than the rest of yous. Is it because you can afford jewelry?” The robot said, “I am the Mother Hacker. I am the center source of all the Hacker robots and viruses in the world. It is my duty to wipe every computer hard-drive clean so I can take my toll on you by robbing you of your technology. I will live in an electronic sanctuary while you will be stuck back in the stone age.” Mason said, “You cannot out-smart us. I know things you don't know. You are just a robot. You only function in the parameters that have been set up by your creators. You cannot think anything that you were not programmed to perform.” The Mother Hacker said, “That is what you think but I am far more advanced than you realize. The human brain is only capable of knowing 120789 possible commands at any given moment. I am programmed with the knowledge of 3000000 commands that always stick with me.” Jason said, “You say you can't be out-smarted? We will see about that.”

Chapter 10

Jason and Mason join back together and they run through a grassy field. Jason said, “Do you have a plan?” Mason said, “I was hoping you had something in mind.” Jason said, “Well, is there something we can do to stall him so he can get more time to figure something out?” Mason said, “There are gasoline tanks stored nearby this field. Maybe we can set the robot on fire. Fire destroys or damages anything.” Jason said, “I thought rocks didn't burn.” Mason said, “The heat from fire can still make them brittle and crack into pieces. If we cannot kill him with the fire, the least we can do is damage him.” Jason said, “I hope you are right.”

Jason and Mason see nine gasoline cylinders lined up in an even formation. Jason stands next to one and Mason stands next to another one. The Mother Hacker and a few other Hacker robots walk to the cylinders. The Mother Hacker stands at a safe distance from the cylinders and he sends some of the other robots to look for Jason and Mason. The robots walk close to the cylinders and they scan the area. They both detect Jason and Mason and they start punching holes in the gasoline cylinders. Gasoline pours out of the cylinders and Jason and Mason run away from the gasoline as soon as it starts to pour out. The robots get some gasoline on them and the gasoline pours out onto the grass close by. Mason reaches in his pocket and he pulls out a lighter. Mason lights it and he throws it into the gasoline. The

gasoline cylinders go up in flames in a matter of seconds and the robots catch on fire. The giant flame incinerates the robots that went to look for Jason and Mason. The Mother Hacker sees Jason and Mason running away and he realizes what they had done.

Jason and Mason run back into the city and they run back into the residential area and they run into the lab and they seal the door shut. Mason takes out his computer that was saved from the virus. He goes on the internet and he looks up information on the killer robots. Jason said, “What the hell are those things. We need something more if we are going to win against them.” Mason said, “I am looking up their specs on the internet. Maybe I can hack the hacker and prevent him from causing any more harm.” Jason said, “He might be on to us. He could be watching us.” Mason said, “I have an idea.” Jason and Mason wait for some time and then they walk back to the power station. Jason and Mason collect some of the bodies of the robots and they bring them back to the lab.

Mason places the robots down on his workbench and he disassembles them. Jason and Mason look on the inside of the robots. Mason said, “The circuitry appears to be quite standard.” Mason takes out a flashlight and he aims it at something that looks significant. Mason said, “Bingo.” Jason said, “What is it?” Mason said, “I found the main control board for this robot. They interconnect with the control boards from the other robots. I may be able to recalibrate his so I can take control of the other robots.” Jason said, “I will never know how to do any of this.” Mason said, “That's why I give you Timmy duty.” Jason said, “I hate Timmy duty. That's how it is for people like me that are not smart. I get jobs giving sponge baths and diaper changes to smart people that suffer from disabilities.” Mason said, “That is not a bad job to have. You can make a good sum of money off of it.” Jason said, “Yeah but I would rather do something I like doing.” Mason said, “Like what?” Jason said, “Well... stuff I like doing.” Mason said, “I think you like taking care of Timmy deep under your skin.”

Mason connects the hard-drives to his computer and he programs the CPU controls so he can control the robots. The internet network connection is turned on. Mason sets up the robot's CPU so he can take control of the other robots. He uses the anti-virus software to take down the virus forces that exist in the digital realm. Mason hacks the robots' shielding system so their advanced shielding systems would not work. Mason attempted to disable more systems but he hears the sounds of robots coming for him.

The door to Mason's lab is blown off and Hacker robots as well as the Mother Hacker waltz in the lab. The Mother Hacker said, “This is the lab we have been looking for. The place where the end of our existence has been devised.” Mason confronts the Mother Hacker and Mason said, “You will not prevail. I have found a way to destroy you all and send you into the blackness that is cyberspace oblivion.” The Mother Hacker said, “Mason, what a pleasure seeing you here. I have come here to prevent us from being destroyed. It looks like you are the one that wants that.” The Mother Hacker and the other Hacker robots use the guns in their hands to destroy the equipment in Mason's lab. Mason hides under a chair and Jason hides with Timmy behind the couch. Timmy keeps shouting, “Timmy! Timmy!” Jason said, “Shut up! You are going to get us killed.” Jason sees a trap door on the floor. Jason said, to himself, “The computer may have been destroyed but the digital damage that has been done is permanent.” Jason quietly crawls on the floor and he opens up the trap door and he pulls out a shotgun with a boxing glove on the end. Jason aims it at one of the Hacker robots and he shoots and destroys the robot. Mason looks at Jason and he said, “Jason?” Jason keeps firing at the other robots and they retreat. Mason said, “Jason, where did you get that gun

from?" Jason said, "Under the floor. I keep it there in case of an emergency." Mason said, "How did you get it?" Jason said, "Grandpa does not trust you with guns because of the freaky experiments that you do. He gave it to me for a secret birthday present." Mason said, "I knew grandpa favored you somehow." Jason said, "Where are the robots going to?" Mason said, "I am pretty sure they are headed for the university." Jason said, "You seem very certain about that. Why is that?" Mason said, "The Mother Hacker said he found the lab because he is capable of detecting where anti-virus signatures come from. He knows I did anti-virus work in this lab so he attacked it. The anti-virus software originated in the university and they are an anti-virus and technology stronghold. We need to head over there to provide them with assistance."

Chapter 11

Jason and Mason leave Timmy locked up in Mason's lab in front of a TV. He is being guarded by Mason's guard robots. Jason and Mason get to the front gate of the university. The gates are closed off and there are guards standing in front of them. Mason walks up to the security checkpoint and he shows them his university membership card. The guard said, "I am sorry. I have strict orders from the university president and the director to not let anyone in under any circumstances." Mason said, "You will be thinking differently once these virus robots decimate all that you protect." Jason turns around and he sees virus robots running to the front gates. Jason said, "Mason, they are coming for us!" Mason turns around and Jason and Mason run out of the robots' way. The robots smash down the front gate and they use the machine guns built into their hands to destroy anything and anyone that tries to interfere with their goal.

Mason said, "You brought your shotgun, right?" Jason reaches under his shirt and he shows Mason that his shotgun is strapped onto his body. Mason said, "I am afraid that anti-virus software may be no good against these robots at this point. We will be needing weapons like yours since I disabled their shields." Jason takes the shotgun off of his body and he loads it. Jason and Mason are hiding in a bush and Mason takes out his spyglass and he does a quick check of the area. Mason said, "We are clear." Jason and Mason walk out of the bush and they walk past the down security gate. Jason and Mason stand in the front parking lot of the university. They see virus robots flying around and army soldiers and other security officers trying to shoot them down. Instead, the security people and army people get shot down and the robots enter the building.

Jason and Mason enter the building and they try to find the director. Jason and Mason see the lights are out in the building and there are some incapacitated people on the floor. Mason said, "This is a total failure of technology. We are living through a moment in history right now." Jason said, "I always wanted to die doing something that people would remember me for." Jason and Mason see a virus robot walk by from around the corner. Jason and Mason hide behind some debris and they let the robot walk past. Jason and Mason continue around the corner and they take the stairs to the floor the director's room is on. Jason and Mason walk through the stairwell and they see virus robots sitting on a landing and they are

playing poker. The robots see Jason and Mason and they stare at them. Jason and Mason do the same back. Jason quickly loads his shotgun and he shoots and destroys the robots. Mason said, “You did not have to do that. They could have been nice and have agreed to let us through.” Jason said, “I don't trust these things. They already have murdered a few people financially and quite frankly, I do not want to be one of those few people.” Mason said, “Maybe you are right. They may know we are here now and they may be plotting an attack on us as we speak.” Jason said, “If any robots come to me, I will blow their circuits out.” Mason said, “I guess that's the spirit we want.”

Jason and Mason find the director's room and they try to open the metal door and it is locked. Jason points his gun to the lock on the door and he blasts it with his shotgun. Jason and Mason walk in and they see the director sitting down typing things into a computer. Mason said, “Director, we have found you and we need your help.” The director said, “You shouldn't have come back. You should just stay at home and let the officials deal with this problem.” Mason said, “What if the officials fail? The robots know where Jason and myself live and they are after us too. If we work together we can come up with a plan to end this electronic illness.” The director said, “I guess you have a point. I have created this.” The director holds up a large cone-shaped antenna. The director said, “I have read and analyzed the shield and program structure of the robots. I have created an updated version of the anti-virus software I have gave you earlier. There is a radio transmitter antenna outside. One of you should go to it and mount this antenna on the top of it. It will transmit my virus antidote to all of the electronics on this side of the country. There is an alternative to this, kill the Mother Hacker.” Mason said, “The Mother Hacker is highly fortified against physical attacks. Killing him may be the best way to end this conflict. I still think we should attempt the antenna plan.” The director said, “It is settled then. Mason, you will stay with me and we will try to take down the Mother Hacker. Jason, you take this antenna and try to mount it to the radio transmitter outside.” Jason salutes the director and Jason grabs the bag the antenna is in and he ties it around his shoulders and Jason heads outside.

Chapter 12

Jason runs to the main atrium of the university and he sees people of all sorts trying to stop the Hacker's henchmen. Jason dodges lines of bullets and he rolls around the obstacles which are fallen robots and men. A virus robot spots Jason with the antenna and he recognizes Jason as a threat to the existence of the Hacker. The robot orders all of the robots to try to attack Jason. Jason runs outside and he is stopped by a virus robot. Jason shoots and destroyes the robot with his shotgun and he proceeds to the radio transmitter. More robots head for the transmitter and they try to fight Jason. Jason shoots and destroyes some of the robots then one of the robots grabs Jason's shotgun and breaks it into dust. Jason grabs onto the metal structure that holds the transmitter and Jason begins to climb it.

Mason looks over technical specs on a computer and the computer dies and displays a blue screen with codes on it. The director said, “Blast, the Hacker found out what we are doing. There may be another way to find him.” The director throws an assault rifle at Mason and Mason catches it. The director said, “This may be our only means of attack. We have to fend for ourselves.” Mason said, “I have an idea. They are after you, right?” The director said, “Of course they are. I am a major threat to their operations.” Mason said, “The Hacker seems to target people that threaten him. Do you know anyone else other than Jason and me that are threats to the Hacker that may be in this building right now?” The director said, “The president of the university has ordered all of his men to attack the virus bots and...” Mason said, “They may be after the university president. Do you know where he is right now?” The director said, “He is in his office at the top floor right now. We should go there and we may find the Mother Hacker there.” Mason said, “Great, that is on the top floor and we are on the fifth floor so we need to travel two more floors up and...” Just as the director and Mason are discussing plans, part of the ceiling falls and smashes the director and he and the debris crashed through the floor to the bottom floor. Mason looks down at the hole that was formed and Mason said, “Someone needs to be a hero right now.”

Jason continues to climb the structure and virus robots are climbing up right underneath, Jason. Jason kicks a robot in the face and it does nothing. Jason climbs up some more and he reaches the top. Jason looks down and he sees that he is far from the ground and there are robots climbing up the structure. Jason grabs onto the top platform and the takes out the antenna and he tries to connect it to the transmitter. Robots jump on the platform and they arm their weapons at Jason. Jason uses the cone antenna to stab a robot and he knocks the robot off the edge. Jason has a rope from the bag that the antenna was in. Jason places the antenna in position and he is about to connect it when a virus robot grabs onto his leg. The robot slowly drags Jason off the edge of the platform and Jason uses his rope and he ties it to the edge of the platform. Jason falls off the platform and he is hanging onto the rope and the virus robot is holding onto his leg. Jason swings the rope around and Jason circles the platform. The robot hits his head on the structure and the robot falls to the ground. Jason swings around and he kicks more robots off the structure. Jason climbs back onto the structure and he continues with the antenna process.

Mason barges in the president's office and he sees the Mother Hacker sitting in the president's chair behind the president's desk. The Mother Hacker said, “Mason, we meet again.” Mason said, “You must end this stunt right now. It is illogical for you to harm humans, the ones that created you.” The Mother Hacker said, “They created me so they will die and something they created will live on. We will be the next inhabitants of this world and you will be nothing more than a rotting carcass under lairs of soil and rocks.” Mason said, “That is not how it is going to be. Humans will prevail!” Mason quickly aims his assault rifle and he open fires on the Mother Hacker. None of Mason's shots inflict any damage on him. The Mother Hacker laughs and said, “Mr. Mason sir, you are not as cunning as I thought. I have managed to cover my body with bulletproof metals I found in this room. There are tons of metals in your home that are bulletproof. You wouldn't know because you are not that smart. I will face off with you and we will see who the superior being is.”

Jason is on the platform and he places the antenna into position and he aligns it so it will function. A virus robot grabs Jason and he punches his hands and he punches Jason in the stomach. Jason falls to the far edge of the platform in pain. The virus robot laughs at Jason. Jason said, “You would not be laughing if you knew what would happen to you. You are nothing but a dumb-headed fool that wants to rule our earth! You are wrong, pal!” Jason tries to fight the robot but the robot throws many successful blows at Jason and Jason could not get any hits on the robot. Jason falls to the cold hard floor in pain as he knows he just lost and his life is about to end.

Chapter 13

The Mother Hacker jumps at Mason and Mason dodges the attack and Mason throws items in the room at the Mother Hacker. The Mother Hacker said, “I will never be impressed by your simple little tricks. That is what make you inferior. The Mother Hacker grabs onto Mason and Mason kicks the Mother Hacker in the crotch and it does nothing. The Mother Hacker said, “Did you seriously think that was going to work? I am the Mother Hacker I have nothing there at all. If I did have something there, I would be called the Father Hacker.” Mason said, “Sense of humor always adds to the charm of anything.” The Mother Hacker said, “You are right, it does, even when the thing is death. The Mother Hacker brings Mason to the glass behind the desk where there is a seven-story fall. The Mother Hacker changes his hand and he uses a drill. He aims the drill at Mason's eye and he attempts to drill through it. Mason said, “What is the purpose of this?” The Mother Hacker said, “I am going to end you in the best way possible. I am going to drill through your left side and I will place this chip in your brain and you will become a drone of mine.” Mason said, “Why don't you just shoot me right here, right now?” The Mother Hacker said, “Isn't that what you have tried to do to me before? Karma's real you know.” Mason stays still in fear and he prepares to accept his fate. He then smiles with a devilish grin on his face.

Jason is flat on the floor of the platform in pain and he is about to get killed by a virus robot. Jason sees the window of the president's office in the background. Jason stares at it. Jason sees the Mother Hacker fall out of the window and he falls to the ground. The Mother Hacker lands flat and the robot that is going to kill Jason deactivates. Jason looks around and he sees that all the robots are malfunctioning. Jason said, “Could this be? This is a miracle. I am saved.” Despite Jason's pain, Jason climbs down to the ground and he walks around the remains of the university. The place is left in ruins and there are dead robots everywhere too. Jason wanders around looking for Mason. Jason gives up searching so he goes to the vending machine and he buys a bottle of orange soda and he sits down and he has a nice, long, well deserved drink.

Mason walks to the lobby and he sees Jason drinking his soda. Jason said, “Congrats, you saved us all. I though we were going to be goners. Mason said, “Yeah, that's great. Let's go home and live through the aftermath of this trauma.” The mother Hacker gets up and it takes out five large clubs and it said, “It is not over yet idiots!” Jason and Mason look at the Mother Hacker and their eyes go big. Mason said, “How could you have survived all that?”

Timmy shows up and he reaches in his ear and he pulls out a stick with a USB connector on the end of it. He jabs it into the Mother Hacker's brain and the Mother Hacker explodes. Mason said, "Timmy? How?" Timmy said, "I never really did have a disability. I co-created the Hacker years ago with someone I am not allowed to speak of. I was so ashamed with my creation that I acted as if I was someone that he would not care about for years. I did this for years just so I can fool him into failing like that. It is possible to fool machines and technology you know." Jason said, "I guess that's the case then." Jason, Mason, and Timmy walk home and the sky is orange as the sun is setting in the distance. Jason, Mason, and Timmy walk through the streets of the city and they see debris and ruins of failed technologies. Mason said, "The technology world has just drastically changed. I am quite interested in what is to come." Timmy said, "I know the future and I know you will be amazed with what's to come and disappointed by what comes after that. That is the most I can say about that."

Chapter 14

Mason cleans up the remains of the destroyed computers and gadgets in his lab. The TV is on and Jason is watching TV and then a news story comes on about the Hacker. George Ferrier is on the screen and he said, "I am George Ferrier of DDD news. Since the beginning of time, mankind has always found ways to improve its standard of living and this has always been done through technology. But just yesterday, mankind has encountered a great disturbance in technology. A computer illness known as a virus called, 'The Hacker' has virtually destroyed hundreds of thousands of computers all over the world and has hijacked military robots to do the bidding of a digital criminal. We believe the Hacker was created by a student at the university in San Francisco. It is unknown who created the virus and no charges were placed. We will all think very differently about technology for the many years to come. The good thing is the stolen money will be returned into all the bank accounts they were stolen from."

Jason said, "He said it. I don't like new technology anymore. I am scared of it." Mason said, "I am sure the people that make the different technologies will make them different because of this conflict." Jason said, "I guess that is true. Let's fire up the old barbeque grill and make some good old-fashioned hamburgers." Jason and Mason head outside and they sit in the sun and slurp soda and they munch on hamburgers. Timmy enters a portal on the street and it takes him into a futuristic world and he sits at a computer. Timmy said, "Mission successful. The future is saved for now. What about Jason and Mason? Will they cause anymore disturbances in the future ahead?" A silhouette on a screen said, "They will but I have other plans for Jason and Mason. You deserve a well earned vacation."